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SUBJECT: OKINAWA TWA STAFF REQUEST EMPLOYMENT WITH PAA

1. HEAD OF TWA EMPLOYEES' ASSN, OKINAWA MONEHIRO KAYO, ACCOMPANIED BY MASEHIDA NISHIMURA CHAIRMAN JAPAN FEDERATION, CIVIL AVIATION WORKERS' UNION (MINKOROREN) AND THREE OTHER MINKOROREN OFFICIALS VISITED EMBASSY FEB 14 REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN BEING HIRED BY PAA AS PART OF TWA-PAA ROUTE SWAP. THEY DELIVERED TWO LETTERS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NISHIMURA LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD:
QUOTE, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IT IS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE OKINAWA ROUTES, FORMERLY OPERATED BY TRANSWORLD AIRWAYS, INC (TWA) OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAY, INC (PAA).

DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO AIRLINES TO MUTUALLY REHIRE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOTH COMPANY, ALL OF THE TWA EMPLOYEE IN OKINAWA ARE FACING DISCHARGE FROM THE PRESENT JOB, WITHOUT A FEASIBILITY OF BEING REHIRED BY PAA.

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AS YOU MAY BE WELL AWARE OF, DISCHARGE IN JAPAN HAS THE TENDENCY OF GROWING INTO A BIG LABOR DISPUTE, AND FURTHERMORE, AT TIME WHEN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BOTH IN JAPAN AND IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS RISING HIGH, WE STRONGLY URGE YOUR UTMOST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TWA EMPLOYEES WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH PAA TO PRECLUDE THE INCREASE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KAYO LETTER TO AMBASSADOR HODGSON:
QUOTE, YOUR EXCELLENCY AS YOU ARE AWARE A ROUTE EXCHANGE BETWEEN TWA AND PAN AMERICAN IS ABOUT TO COME INTO EFFECT. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TWA EMPLOYEES AT NAHA, OKINAWA, JAPAN, MAY I MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST OF YOUR? WE WOULD BE MORE THAN GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY USE YOUR UNDOUBTED INFLUENCE WITH THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF PAN AMERICAN IN TOKYO TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO GO TO WORK FOR THAT COMPANY. THE TWA PEOPLE HERE ARE AN EXTREMELY WELL TRAINED GROUP, SKILLED IN THE MANY COMPLEXITIES OF TRAVEL IN THE FAR EAST, EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WE FEEL WOULD BE DECIDED ASSIST TO PAN AM. IN ADDITION BEING SO TRAINED THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN THE TRANSITION FROM ONE COMPANY TO OTHER.

WE FULLY REALIZE THE MANY DEMANDS MADE ON YOUR TIME AND HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU CAN ASSIST US IN MAKING THE CHANGE TO PAN AMERICAN. WE WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER

4. EMASYS COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
HODGSON

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